

REMARKS

In accordance with the Notice, only the asserted non-compliant portion of the Amendment has been re-submitted. It is understood that the other previously-submitted portions of that Amendment will be considered.

Claims 1 through 68 are canceled.

Claims 69 through 76 are pending in the application. Claim 69 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

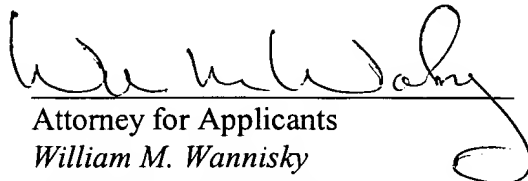
It is respectfully submitted that a complete listing of the claims in the application and canceled claims have been presented, and this Response is fully responsive to the Notice and ensures that the Amendment, filed November 18, 2003, is fully compliant with the Rules.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, he is instructed to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Applicants' attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our New York office at the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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